2. RECREATION AND PARKS REPORTS

July 4th Recap – This year’s 4th of July Community Celebration and Fireworks Spectacular was a huge success. In total, over 2,000 wristbands were given out via Recreation ID for the nighttime event and 1509 were sold for a total of $7545 in revenue. Over 2,500 people utilized these wristbands at Stevenson and Softball Fields to watch the fireworks and enjoy live music performances. The fireworks portion of the event was also a hit as the Department used a different fireworks vendor, Pyro Spectaculars, for the first time in several years.

Family Campout – Staff has begun coordinating the Annual Family Campout Event which is scheduled on Saturday, August 16th – Sunday, August 17th. Wristbands for entry are available for $10 each at the Clubhouse.

Concerts in the Park – The final Summer Concerts in the Park is scheduled for Sunday, August 10th with the Scott Whyte Band. Craft activities and food trucks will start at 4:00 p.m. and the concert will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Summer Camps – Summer camps have continued to grow this summer. Participant totals for the completed camps are listed below:
- Soccer Camp: 88 participants
- Camp Cowabunga – 42 participants each camp with all 3 camps sold out for the summer! Camps have/will feature trips to the USS Iowa, bowling, ice skating, movies, LA Zoo, California Science Center, and Mulligan’s.
- Basketball Camp: 76 morning and 16 afternoon participants
- Football Camp: There were 34 participants
- Cheerleading Camp: 48 participates

Some of our other upcoming camps are already tracking higher than past years as well:
- Baseball Camp: 37 participants
- Softball Camp: 16 participants
- Beach Camp: 60 participants
- Archery Adventure Camp: 68 morning participants and 28 afternoon participants.
- X - Games Camp: 29 participants
- Green Box Sports Camp: 44 participants
- Surf Camp: 28 participants

Transportation – Transportation numbers for the month of June included:
- Dial a Ride: 831 riders
- Doctor Dial-a-Ride: 13 riders
- Striders morning walking group: 238 riders
- Weekly Shopping Trips: 152 riders
- Lunchtime Shuttle: 1461

The Beach Shuttle is currently running through August 23rd. This shuttle provided 3325 individual rides for the two weeks it was operational in June. This free shuttle is offered Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with additional pick-ups at 8:30 a.m. for Junior Lifeguard transportation to El Segundo Beach. Pick-up locations are marked with a Beach Shuttle Stop Sign at various spots around town and the shuttles come every 15 minutes.
Dear Elected Officials,

It has recently come to my attention that starting September 1st there will be a $25/hr fee to use the volleyball courts. This affects me greatly as I currently play volleyball at the park 8-10 hours a week. Aside from the love of the game, and the joy of spending time with some great people, those 8 hours of exercise have played a huge role in the management of my type 1 diabetes. The Rec Park has become my home away from home and my stress ball. Indeed the park has value to me. I think that $10 for my Rec Park card is the best deal in town. I also think that a $25/hr court fee is egregious. Unfortunately how this plays out for me is that I will take my game to the beach while there's daylight after work. Then I don't know after that. I will hope for a better solution than what has been proposed while spreading awareness and collecting signatures. Thank you for your time.

-Brett Hall
Lifelong El Segundo resident
We want to thank all of you for serving on the City Council during this tough time. Thank you also for your decision to postpone the fees for aquatics and transportation until there is more time to study them. If there is a public meeting in the future where brainstorming is allowed, please keep us informed. We would like to attend.

Mark & Marcia Marion
We do believe that especially with the failure of the recent tax proposition, that the implementation of some new fees is necessary, however as you discuss Item 1 tonite please consider sending the proposed fee modification back to the committee that came up with the recommendations for further modification in order to make the proposed fees more reasonable. Such high fees will out price many of our citizens, especially the seniors who are on fixed incomes.

Here are some questions that the Marions have about the proposed fees, which concern us personally:

1. How much is the proposed fee for the Strand Striders beach shuttle?

2. Will fees be charged to the following groups using the Community Centers:
   A. El Segundo Senior Club for monthly meetings, monthly board meetings, weekly dances, and weekly card games
   B. Friends of the Library for quarterly meetings, and the monthly Historical Committee meetings
   C. The El Segundo Community Christmas Dinner

We hope you will think about lowering the proposed fees on the above items.

Sincerely,
Marcia & Mark Marion
Before the meeting where you are discussing the fees for the dial-a-ride and shuttles, please consider the following fees that are charged in Manhattan Beach. They seem much more reasonable than what has been proposed for out town. This information was sent to us by a friend (the wife of a former Rec/Park Commissioner) who has moved from El Segundo to Manhattan Beach.

We feel that high fees will cause many of us who take advantage of the Beach Shuttle to forgo the service and either not go at all or go in our own vehicles. This would be a sad thing, as we need the exercise and companionship of going in a group.

Mark & Marcia Marion
-----Original Message-----
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Sent: Sat, Jan 11, 2014 1:04 pm
Subject: Info on MB Services

Dial-a-ride - "Fares within city limits are 25 cents one way. Fares outside of city limits (for medical appointments or special destinations) are 50 cents one way."

Tennis Facilities -
$7.00 Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
$9.00 Monday-Friday, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. & weekends

Mira Costa HS courts -
$8.00 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.  Monday, Thursday
$8.00 8:00 am.-2:00 p.m.  Weekends

Annual Pass
$10.00 per year
Pass is good for one calendar year from date of purchase; unlimited use as available.

Available for juniors (15 years and under); good for free play Monday through Friday, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Available for older adults (55+); good for free play Monday through Friday, 7:00-9:00 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m.

All programs through RecPark have fees for residents and non-residents.

Hope this helps.

Pattie
My name is Patricia Holt and I have lived in El Segundo for more than 20 years. I am 80 years old and use the bus for Striders from Parks and Rec 3 times a week. It would be a financial hardship for me and most of the senior citizens to have to pay a fee for those services. I moved to El Segundo but of the services provided to senior citizens which I hoped I would be able to use when I am unable to drive myself. This would affect all who use the shuttle to get their doctors or shopping. It seems to me you could find some other way to raise money than to take him from senior citizens. We all live on fixed incomes and don't have a way to make extra money. I just don't think it's fair. Please give this more serious consideration. I would not be able to join the striders if I had to pay a fee every time and this is a way I stay in good health.

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We would hope that no fees will be implemented that hurt the senior citizens. Many of us depend on using the shuttle bus and the dial-a-ride to take us places that we need to go.

Personally, we use the striders shuttle to take us to the beach, and yes, at this point in our lives we could take our own car and pay the parking meter $1.50, but we would not pay $4 for the two of us to use the shuttle for a round trip. More than just the exercise, we enjoy the social meeting with many who have become our friends. Paying nearly $50 a month for this would be a hardship for the two of us.

My next door neighbor and her daughter do not have cars or a usable washing machine. They use the dial-a-ride to go grocery shopping and go to the laundry. They are on extremely limited incomes. Adding to their expenses would be a hardship for them. I am sure there are many others in similar circumstances.

The "Doctor dial-a-ride" is just in it's beginning stages. It has become a necessity for many.

Please consider not implementing these fees.

Mark & Marcia Marion